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MEMO-10599

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Chief of Station, Karlsruhe  
Attn: SOS  
Deputy Chief, FEM

CAMMIO Reports

REF: MEMO-9826, MEMO-11800

1. The photographs of a generator being constructed in an abandoned mine pit in the Schmeitzberg area are of great interest here. However, there are some points which we would like to have cleared up prior to attempting to evaluate them. These are:

A. Who actually took the photographs? Was it CAMMIO-26 and CAMMIO-27?

B. What kind of camera did they use? Where did they get the camera and film? How did they manage to smuggle the camera into the pit? Where were the films processed? Where are the negatives now? What were the lighting conditions in the pit? How did they manage to take a photo with two Russians in the sub-ground without being detected?

C. Could they take more pictures?

D. How were they able to gain access to the mine if it is now abandoned for mining purposes? Is there still some mining activity carried on in conjunction with the generator construction? What are the security measures in effect at the mine pit where the generator is being built?

2. According to MEMO-9826, dated 20 August, CAMMIO 26 and 27 had been commissioned to make some photographs of the generator; however, the photos were submitted as MEMO-11800, dated 3 August. Does MEMO-9826 refer to instructions to make further photos?

3. For your info: We are extremely anxious to obtain clear photos of this generator (if it exists) since the ones submitted are so blurred that it is impossible to determine the nature of the generator. Depending on the answers to the above questions, perhaps we should provide one of the CAMMIOS with a camera to make some clearer photos.

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b. Any other information available on this subject will be most welcome.

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